

House Concurrent Resolution 105 - Introduced

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1 1 HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. ____
1 2 BY HUSER, STRUYK, TJEPKES, COHOON, DANDEKAR,
1 3 QUIRK, PAULSEN, BELL, WINDSCHITL, MERTZ, LYKAM,
1 4 GASKILL, REASONER, BUKTA, SWAIM, WHITAKER, MAY,
1 5 ROBERTS, HUSEMAN, WORTHAN, RASMUSSEN, ARNOLD,
1 6 and D. OLSON
1 7 A Concurrent Resolution designating May 2008 as
1 8 Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month.
1 9 WHEREAS, motorcycle riding is a popular form of recreation
1 10 and transportation for thousands of people across Iowa and the
1 11 nation; and
1 12 WHEREAS, motorcycle riding can be an enjoyable activity
1 13 when safety is of paramount consideration and all laws and
1 14 regulations are observed; and
1 15 WHEREAS, the safe operation of a motorcycle requires the
1 16 use of special skills developed through a combination of
1 17 training and experience, the use of good judgment, and a
1 18 thorough knowledge of traffic laws and licensing requirements;
1 19 and
1 20 WHEREAS, the Motorcycle Safety Awareness Campaign is
1 21 intended to reduce the number of accidents, injuries, and
1 22 fatalities associated with motorcycling by encouraging
1 23 motorcycle operators to participate in rider education
1 24 programs, wear proper apparel, not drink and ride, and operate
1 25 their vehicles defensively according to the rules of the road;
1 26 and
1 27 WHEREAS, motorcycle organizations, clubs, dealerships, and
1 28 groups and highway safety officials in our state should join
1 29 Iowa motorcyclists in actively promoting safe motorcycle
1 30 operation, increased rider training, improved licensing
1 31 efforts, and motorist awareness of motorcycles; and
1 32 WHEREAS, the Motorcycle Safety Awareness Campaign
1 33 encourages operators of other motor vehicles to be cautious
1 34 and observe these smaller vehicles, especially during the
1 35 seasonal return of motorcycles to Iowa's streets and highways;
2 1 and
2 2 WHEREAS, a motorcycle is a vehicle with all of the
2 3 privileges of any vehicle on the roadway, so a motorcyclist
2 4 should be allowed the use of a full lane of travel; and
2 5 WHEREAS, other motorists need to take a second look for
2 6 motorcycles on the highway, at intersections, and when a
2 7 motorcyclist may be changing lanes or making a left turn; and
2 8 WHEREAS, other motorists should clearly signal their
2 9 intentions, not follow motorcycles too closely, and allow
2 10 enough room for motorcyclists to take evasive action by
2 11 allowing plenty of space; and
2 12 WHEREAS, obstructions that other motorists might ignore,
2 13 such as debris and potholes, can be deadly for a motorcyclist,
2 14 so other motorists should learn to predict when a motorcyclist
2 15 might take evasive action; NOW THEREFORE,
2 16 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, THE SENATE
2 17 CONCURRING, That the General Assembly designates the month of
2 18 May 2008 as Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month and encourages
2 19 all Iowa motorists to strive to improve motorcycle safety in
2 20 this state.
2 21 LSB 6440HH 82
2 22 dea/nh/24